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Mr. BAVIUS,

I Beg the favour of you, to give the following lines a place in your next *Journal*, which is to be publiſhed on Aſcenſion-day. As the deſign of them is to prevent the propagation of falſe opinions to the diſadvantage of the Chriſtian feſtivals; I hope they will not be thought an improper part of the entertainment of your readers upon that great feſtival day. There has lately been publiſhed a poſthumous piece, printed very pompouſly in quarto, intitled *Obſervations upon the prophecies of* DANIEL, *and the apocalypſe of* St. JOHN: *by* Sir ISAAC NEWTON. The extraordinary fame and reputation of this great man in ſome arts and ſciences, may probably induce perſons to pay too great a deference to his opinion in others: and even his being a lay-man may gain him the more credit with many, in points of eccleſiaſtical hiſtory. I therefore thought it the more requiſite to repreſent to the world a very great miſtake, into which he has fallen: from whence it will be evident, that any hiſtorical account of matters relating to the primitive times of Chriſtianity, tho' drawn up by a lay-man, ought to be read with as much caution, as if it were the work either of an ancient, or modern divine.

I ſhall paſs by at preſent his poſitive aſſertion, at the beginning of *Chapter* XIII. That "in the firſt ages of the "Chriſtian religion, the Chriſtians of every city were go-"verned by a council of presbyters; and the preſident of "the council was the biſhop of the city:" becauſe he does not endeavour to ſupport it with the leaſt proof, nor to bring any confirmation of it from the *prophecies of* DANIEL, illuſtrated by his own interpretation.

The XIV *Chapter* contains his obſervations upon "*Chap.* "XI. 38, 39. of DANIEL. *In his eſtate ſhall he honour* "Mahuzzims; *even with a God whom his fathers knew* "*not, ſhall he honour them with gold and ſilver, and with* "*precious ſtones, and things of value. Thus ſhall he do in* "*the moſt ſtrong holds* or temples;—— *and he ſhall cauſe* "*them to rule over many, and divide the land* among them "*for a poſſeſſion.* Now this came to paſs by degrees in "the following manner, p. 203.—— The heathens were "delighted with the feſtivals of their gods, and unwil-"ling to part with thoſe delights; and therefore GREGORY, "biſhop of *Neocæſarea* in *Pontus*, [after the perſecution of "the emperor DECIUS] to facilitate their converſion, inſti-"tuted annual feſtivals to the ſaints and martyrs. Hence "it came to paſs, that for exploding the feſtivals of the "heathens, the principal feſtivals of the Chriſtians ſucceed-"ed in their room: as the keeping of *Chriſtmas* with ivy "and feaſting, and playing and ſports, in the room of the "*Bacchanalia* and *Saturnalia*; the celebrating of *May-day* "with flowers, in the room of the *Floralia*; and the "keeping of feſtivals to the Virgin MARY, JOHN the Bap-"tiſt, and divers of the Apoſtles, in the room of the ſo-"lemnities at the entrance of the ſun into the ſigns of the "Zodiac in the old Julian Calendar. p. 204.—— In the "ſame perſecution of DECIUS, CYPRIAN ordered the paſ-"ſions of the martyrs in *Africa* to be regiſtred, in order "to celebrate their memories annually with oblations and "ſacrifices..... This was the firſt ſtep towards the venera-"tion of martyrs: and tho' it did not yet amount to an un-"lawful worſhip, yet it diſpoſed the Chriſtians towards ſuch "a further veneration of the dead, as in a ſhort time end-"ed in the invocation of ſaints.——The next ſtep was af-"fecting to pray at the ſepulchres of the martyrs: which "practice began in DIOCLESIAN's perſecution. p. 205.— "From the cuſtom of praying in the cœmeteries and mar-"tyries, came the cuſtom of tranſlating the bodies of the "ſaints and martyrs into ſuch churches as were new built. "p. 207.—— The next ſtep towards the invocation of "ſaints, was the attributing to their dead bodies, bones, "and other reliques, a power of working miracles. p. 209. "— In propagating theſe ſuperſtitions, the ring-leaders "were the monks, and ANTONY was at the head of them: "for in the end of the life of ANTONY, ATHANASIUS re-"lates that theſe were his dying words to his diſciples "who then attended him. *Do you take care*, ſaid ANTONY, "*to adhere to* CHRIST *in the firſt place, and then to the* "*ſaints, that after death they may receive you as friends* "*and acquaintance into the everlaſting tabernacles. Think* "*upon theſe things, perceive theſe things, and if you have* "*any regard to me, remember me as a father.* This being "delivered in charge to the monks by ANTONY at his death, "A.C. 356. could not but inflame their whole body with "devotion towards the ſaints, as the ready way to be re-"ceived by them into the eternal tabernacles after death. "Hence came that noiſe about the miracles done by the "reliques of the ſaints in the time of CONSTANTIUS: hence "came the diſperſion of the miracle-working reliques in-"to all the empire; *Alexandria* ſetting the example, and "being renown'd for it above all other cities. Hence it "came to paſs in the days of JULIAN, A.C. 362. that "ATHANASIUS, by a prophetic ſpirit, as RUFFINUS tells us, "hid the bones of JOHN the Baptiſt from the heathens, "not in the ground to be forgotten, but in the hollow "wall of a church before proper witneſſes, that they "might be profitable to future generations. Hence alſo "came the invocation of the ſaints for doing ſuch miracles, "and for aſſiſting men in their devotions, and mediating "with God. For ATHANASIUS, even from his youth, "looked upon the dead ſaints and martyrs as mediators of "our prayers, &c. p. 215, 216.

This heavy charge againſt ANTONY, as a great promoter of the veneration for reliques, the ſummit of this hiſtorical edifice, raiſed as a monument to the infamy of ATHANASIUS more than of ANTONY, may very eaſily be demoliſhed. The fall of which muſt neceſſarily ſhake and weaken the whole ſtructure; and give the reader juſt cauſe to ſuſpect, that all theſe incoherent ſtories, built one upon another, have at bottom a very weak and ſandy foundation. This whole account concerning the original of feſtivals, and the gradual advance from the obſervation of them to ſuperſtitious and idolatrous practices, deſerves no manner of credit; if the particular account of S. ANTONY be intirely falſe. And that it is ſo, will evidently appear from the teſtimony of ATHANASIUS, even in that very piece out of which a few lines have been unfairly quoted to ſupport the accuſation. To make this manifeſt beyond contradiction, I ſhall beg leave to lay before the reader a literal tranſlation of the latter part of ANTONY's life, written by ATHANASIUS.

"But the brethren preſſing him to tarry among them, "and to be there perfected, he would not comply: re-"fuſing upon many accounts, as he ſignified to them "even by his ſilence; but moſt of all upon the fol-"lowing. The Egyptians love to bury the bodies of "good men, but more eſpecially of the holy martyrs, "and to wrap them up in linnen cloths; yet not to "hide them under the earth, but to place them upon little "beds, and to keep them in their houſes; thinking that "thereby they do honour to the departed. But ANTONY "frequently deſired the biſhops to inform the people better "concerning this practice. In like manner he by his re-"proofs even ſhamed ſome of the laity, and reprimanded "the women, declaring that this was neither a lawful, "nor holy cuſtom. For the bodies of the patriarchs and "prophets are kept in ſepulchres to this day; and even "the very body of the Lord was layed in a ſepulchre, and "a ſtone placed thereupon concealed it from ſight, 'till "having continued there three days it roſe again. And "by ſaying theſe things, he ſhewed plainly, that every "one tranſgreſſed the law, who did not inter and con-"ceal the bodies of dead perſons, even tho' they were ho-"ly. For what was greater or holier than the Lord's "body? Many therefore having heard this, afterwards "buried the dead bodies under ground; and returned "thanks to the lord, having received theſe good inſtruc-"tions.—— But he knowing this, and fearing leſt they "ſhould do to his body, as they had done to thoſe of "others, haſtened away, having taken leave of the monks "in the outward part of the mountain. And having "entered into the inner mountain, where he was wont "formerly to reſide, after a few months he fell ſick. And "having called thoſe who were moſt familiarly converſant "with him (they were two, who reſided in this receſs, "leading an aſcetic life fifteen years, and miniſtring to "him by reaſon of his old age) he ſayed to them. I go "indeed, as it is written, the way of the fathers: for I "perceive myſelf to be called by the Lord. But be you "ſober and vigilant, and you ſhall not loſe the fruit of "your long exercice in this mortified life. But, as if you "were but now beginning, earneſtly endeavour to pre-"ſerve and continue your alacrity of mind. You know "that the devils are inceſſantly laying ſnares for you; you "know how fierce and cruel, but at the ſame time how "weak and impotent they are. Be not therefore afraid of "them; but rather always breathe after Chriſt, put your "truſt in him, and live as dying daily; taking heed to "yourſelves, and remembering the exhortations and ad-"monitions which you have heard from me. And hold "no communication with ſchiſmatics, nor in any wiſe "with heretical Arians. For you know how that I have "cautiouſly avoided them, on the account of their hete-"dox and antichriſtian hereſy. But *do you* the rather *take* "*care to adhere* always *to* CHRIST *in the firſt place, and* "*then to the ſaints, that after death they may receive you* "*as friends and acquaintance into everlaſting tabernacles.* "*Think upon theſe things, perceive* [mind] *theſe things*; "*and if you have any regard to me, remember me as a* "*father.* Do not ſuffer any to take away my body into "*Egypt*, leſt they ſhould depoſite it in their houſes. For "upon this very account I entered into the mountain, "and came hither. You know how I always endeavoured "to ſhame thoſe who did this, and charged them to leave "off ſuch a cuſtom. Do you therefore bury my body, "and hide it under the earth; and let this injunction of "mine be obſerved by you, ſo that no one, except your-"ſelves alone, may know the place of my burial. For in "the reſurrection of the dead I ſhall receive it again incor-"ruptible from my Saviour.—— Accordingly he was ga-"thered to his fathers; and thoſe monks, as he had given "them command, wrapping up his body, and burying it, "hid it under the ground: and no one then knew where "it was hidden, excepting only thoſe two domeſtics. See ATHANASII *Opera, Par.* 1627. *Vol.* 2. *pag.* 502, 503.

Now let the impartial reader judge of the truth of Sir ISAAC's aſſertion, "That ANTONY was at the head of the "monks, who were ring-leaders in propagating ſeveral "ſuperſtitions; particularly in attributing to dead bodies, "bones, and other reliques of ſaints and martyrs, a power "of working miracles." This, we ſee, he was ſo far from doing, that he frequently declared in the ſtrongeſt terms, that it was not lawful to keep ſuch *dead bodies* above ground, and took particular precaution in relation to his own. I know no way to clear this gentleman from this notorious piece of lay-craft, but by ſuppoſing, either that he took this quotation at ſecond hand, intending afterwards to examine it more exactly; or elſe that theſe poſthumous pieces, like thoſe of many other great men, were only collections in order to a work, which he never lived to finiſh. If neither of theſe be ſuppoſed, it cannot be denied, that this great aſtronomer has moved not a little eccentrically in his interpretation of ſcripture prophecies.

Sir, I am your humble ſervant

ECCLESIASTICUS.

The under-written is an Anſwer *to a* Letter, *ſent by the Penny-poſt on tueſday the* 10*th day of April, directed to a* young man *at the houſe of a certain* Nobleman *in* S. James's Square.

MADAM, *April the* 21*ſt*, 1733.

I Read your letter (ſigned HARRIOT LOVELL) with no ſmall attention and ſurprize, and am much concern'd to hear, that a young lady, now in her prime of years, ſhould labour under thoſe perplexing circumſtances you mention in the firſt ſentence thereof.

I know not, Madam, what your real opinion may be of my parts; but, by your letter, you ſeem to have a very great one: and tho' I cannot but own the vaſt honour you have done me, in ſingling me out for your champion, yet at the ſame time I muſt confeſs, and plainly tell you, you have applied to a very improper perſon to undertake the performance of what you deſire: not that I ſhall refuſe you any aſſiſtance I may be capable of, but through a ſenſe of my own inability, muſt decline the main task thereof.

As I have naturally a great tenderneſs for the Fair, ſo am I equally concern'd, that our own ſex ſhould ſo leſſen the name of MAN, as to be guilty of any ill practices againſt their honour; and heartily wiſh, that an example of my own might work in them a change and reformation: but alas! (to their ſhame be it ſpoken) they are, I fear, ſo much corrupted, that a perſon may as eaſily turn the current under London-bridge, as reclaim them from their vices.

In the ſucceeding ſentences, ſpeaking of a married ſtate, you ſay, that *provided there be a fortune on one ſide, it is ſufficient*; which is certainly very true. But I hardly ever heard any of your ſex to be of that opinion: for (with ſubmiſſion) 'tis generally to be obſerved, that where there is riches, there alſo is pride and ambition; they are inſeparable companions, and you may as ſoon find a diamond big as a turnip, as the *firſt* without the *latter*. If I, who have no fortune, make my addreſſes to one that has, notwithſtanding my paſſion for her be ever ſo ſincere and diſintereſted; notwithſtanding I proteſs the ſtrongeſt and moſt firm reſolutions of conſtancy and affection, that a graceful and ſettled mind can form, as the beſt and only return I am ca-

pable of extending; I say, notwithstanding this, 'tis a thousand to one, that her heart is so puffed up with pride, that she treats me with the greatest scorn and contempt imaginable. And however bad our own sex may be in other cases, yet, in this, they are more abundantly generous than yours; whose vanity, for the sake of splendor and equipage, would even prompt you to marry a monkey.

I am afraid, Madam, I have launch'd out too far in my expressions upon this head; but as I mean to give no offence, so I trust you and your sex will put a favourable construction thereon, and take it as 'tis meant.

As to what you say concerning those maidens, who by sly insinuations are unwarily drawn in to *lend* that which the borrower can never return; I heartily pity them, and can never think a man (if he has any sense of humanity left) can enjoy a serenity of mind after committing a crime of so black a nature. But I hope, Madam, you lie under no temptation of this sort; tho' by your letter 'tis plain, that you are weary of your present condition: and this leads me to ask you two or three questions, which relate to your complaints, *viz.*

Why you think it a misfortune to be unmarried?

Whether you are at present under that unhappy dilemma of loving one, who either through an insensibility of the passion himself, knows not how to set a just value thereon; or else, big with the conquest he hath gain'd, ungenerously triumphs o'er your heart?

What other charms, beside personal, you have to induce a man to love you?

I hope, Madam, you will not scruple to resolve me the above three questions in a few lines directed as before; and likewise to unmask your face, and let me know who you are, by subscribing your real name thereto. In the mean time, I would advise you, not to give yourself up to despair, since 'tis not unlikely you may shortly be satisfied in your expectations agreeably to your wishes.

I am, Madam, your sincere friend,

And humble servant, L. R.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Post-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Post.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Post.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening Post.*
L E. *London Evening Post.*
D A. *Daily Advertiser.*

THURSDAY, *Ap.* 26. The right hon. the marq. of Lothian is appointed high commissioner to the general assembly of the church of Scotland. *DA.* — Yesterday Capt. Stephenson kiss'd his majesty's hand, being appointed brigadier of the 4th troop of horse-guards. *DP.* —— An exempt. *DJ. DA.*

The following gentlemen are appointed to inspect into the frauds committed in his majesties customs:

John Campbell Esq;
Sir Will. Clayton.
Tho. Clutterbuck Esq;
Sir John Cope.
Geo. Doddington Esq;
Rich. Edgecombe Esq;
Duncan Forbes Esq;
Stephen Fox Esq;
Sir Tho. Frankland.
Lord Harvey.
Sir John Heathcote.
Sir Geo. Oxenden.
Anth. Lowther Esq;
Hen. Pelham Esq;
Charles Talbot Esq;
Geo. Wade Esq;
Horat. Walpole Esq;
Tho. Winnington Esq;
Sir Will. Yonge.
Sir Phil. Yorke.
Will. Clayton Esq;

C. DJ.

When the ballot was taken there were 491 members in the house. *DP.* — Sir Edw. [John] Cope is chosen chairman. *DJ. Ap.* 27.

A certificate under the seal of the corporation of Shrewsbury hath been transmitted to his majesty, testifying the unanimous election of Will. Kinaston Esq; to be recorder. *LE.* —— His majesty has signified his approbation. *DA. Ap.* 27.

Yesterday an annual sermon was preach'd by the rev. Dr. Trapp, on the excellency of the Liturgy, at S. Mary-le-Bow (left by John Hutchins deceased) to a numerous congregation. *DP.*

As soon as the messenger arrived at Chester with the news of Mr. Manley's defeat, the bells rang, and the joy was inexpressible: there were the greatest number of bonfires that ever were known, and almost every house in the Grosvenor interest was illuminated in an extraordinary manner. In the exchange were placed 204 candles, the number of the members that opposed the excise, &c. *DP.* — *It should have been* 205, Mr. Sands *who took the votes, making up that* number.

Last sunday night died in her 92d year the lady Robinson at Putney. *P.* — Yesterday morning at Hodsdon Mr. Blundell formerly an eminent wine-merchant, worth 14,000l. *WE.*

Christened males 191: females 179: in all 370. —— Buried males 287: females 291: in all 578. — Increased in the christenings 47. — Decreased in the the burials 25. *SJ.*

FRIDAY, *Ap.* 27. Yesterday the house of lords finished the appeal of a cause long depending, between the lady viscountess Lanesborough, and Anth. Morgan Esq; in relation to the late lord Lanesborough's will, and reversed the decree in Chancery. *DA.* — The directors of the South-sea company presented to the house of commons their petition for dividing 3 4ths of their capital into annuities. *DA.*

The same day John King Esq; coroner for this city, was chosen coroner for the county of Middlesex: the numbers stood thus: for John King Esq; 466. Mr. Troughton 172. Mr. Werrey 107. *C. P. DJ. DA.* — The poll had closed at 2, but Mr. Troughton (who had no share in it) had the books kept open, to see if any of his EXCISE friends would come in; but in vain. *DP.*

Last wednesday night Sir Theodore Cockbourn of Chelsea was married there to miss Dickins, a beautiful young lady of 3000 l. fortune. *P.*

Yesterday died in an advanced age, at his lodgings in King's-street Westminster, the rev. Will. Tanner, M. A. a noted nonjuring clergyman. *DA.* — My brother *by this paragraph has made him so.*

SATURDAY, *Ap.* 28. On thursday the lord Carmichael kissed the king's hand, being appointed colonel of a company in the third regiment of guards. *P.* — Yesterday morning the right hon. the earl of Chesterfield, and the lord Clinton, waited on his royal highness the prince, at his levee, and were graciously received. *DP.* — Mr. Duck the famous thresher, who wrote several celebrated poems, is made one of the yeomen of the guard. *DP.* — *It is not doubted, that, as a* writer, *as well as* beef-eater, *he will* out-do *the* out-doings *of his* brother Laureat.

Kirkby Lonsdale (on the river Lon, 10 miles above Lancaster, Ap. 20, — There being a great many people not content to view the horse-races from our church-yard, a boat was ready to carry some over; but too many crouding into it, sunk it immediately; and a horseman well-mounted, ventering in to save some, they catched hold of his bridle and legs, so went down with him; a few got out without much help. And. —— Middleton Esq; of Middleton-hall, stripping himself, leaped in, and brought a man and his wife (with their hands conjoined) to the side; then going in again, brought out another man, all these three alive; and at the third time another man dead; and found some others clinging so close to some rocks at the bottom, that he could not get them loose. Yesterday nine of them were buried. No body knows how many were in the boat, but they guess them to be 15 or 18. *C. DJ.*

Yesterday at a meeting of the governors of the Charter-house, at the prince's chamber adjoining to the house of lords, Sir Philip York was chose governor in the room of the lord Raymond deceas'd. *DP.*

This morning about 4, a fire broke out at Mr. Arthur's, at White's chocolate-house in St. James's street, which in a short time intirely consumed that house, with two others, and much damaged several others adjoining; it is said to have begun in a stove-chimney in White's chocolate-house: Mrs. Arthur, to escape the flames, was obliged to leap out of a window two pair of stairs, upon a feather-bed, which she first flung out, and received no other damage than only bruising her knees: two of the fire-men were very much hurt by the fall of some chimneys. Mr. Arthur had insured his goods to the value of 400 l. but since last Lady-day, and had not time to save the least thing in the world, having lost to the value of 200l. in plate, and about 100 l. in cash. His majesty and his royal highness the prince of Wales were there on foot, for above an hour, and greatly encouraged the fire-men and people to work at the engines, a guard being ordered from St. James's, to keep off the populace that stood idle. His majesty was also most graciously pleased to order 20 guineas among the fire-men, and others, that worked at the engines, and five guineas to the guard. *WE.* — She jump'd down with so much activity, that she receiv'd no hurt, tho' quite undress'd. *SJ.* — *Two strange circumstances in* Mrs. Arthur's jump: *her* activity *in moving* downwards; *and not breaking a limb,* tho' quite undress'd.

This morning Will. Conolly Esq; was married at S. James's church to the lady Anne Wentworth, eldest daughter to the right hon. the earl of Strafford, a fortune of 24,000 l. *SJ.* — 42,000l. *DA. Ap.* 7. — *The* DP *of that day, solemnized this* marriage *last* thursday.

Guildford, Ap. 25. On the news of the excise bill being postpon'd to a long day there seem'd a general satisfaction; but as to public rejoicings they were deferr'd on account of our fair being near at hand, that the greatest part of the country might join with us in declaring their abhorrence of that scheme; and accordingly on the said day, exactly at six o' clock in the afternoon, the bells rang at all our churches; at the same time an effigie was carry'd through the town, attended by a great number of people, and convey'd to the common gallows, which is facing the town, and there hang'd till nine o' clock, and then being taken down, it was consum'd in a large fire opposite to the excise-office. The populace had plenty of liquor, and were attended with French-horns, hau boys, violins and trumpets; several healths were drank, viz. king George's and the royal family, the honest and worthy 204, the lord mayor, aldermen, and common-council of London; and, in particular, the healths of Sir William Wyndham, Mr. Scawen, Mr. Pulteney, and Mr. Shippen. *LE.*

On wednesday the duke of Bolton's *Sterling* beat Mr. Panton's *Mouse* for 300 guineas. *DP.*

On sunday died, at Oakley in Staffordshire, Sir John Chetwood Bar. *C.* —— He is succeeded by his only son, now Sir John. *DP.* — Yesterday morning died Col. Morgan in Queen's square, Westminster, deputy governor of the isle of Wight. *P.* — Last thursday. *DJ.* — *The* DP. *and* DA. of *Ap.* 26 *killed the* colonel *on last* tuesday.

MONDAY, *Ap.* 30. Yesterday the rev. Dr. Terry preached before their majesties, his royal highness the prince, &c. and the rev. Dr. Fowkes before his royal highness the duke, &c. *C. P. DJ.*

The right hon. the earl of Chesterfield is preparing to set out for France, in order to reside there for some time. *DA.*

On saturday the stewards of the feast of the natives of St. Dunstan Stepney met at the church, and after divine service they and their friends went to an elegant entertainment in the great vestry-room, collected 114 guineas for charitable uses, and chose stewards for the year ensuing. *P.*

We are credibly assured, that the report of Gordon the highwayman's having cut his own throat as he was coming down from chapel on wednesday last, in order to prevent an ignominious execution, was entirely a mistake, for the incision was made by one Mr. Chovet, an ingenious young surgeon, who having by frequent experiments on dogs with great success, discover'd that opening the windpipe would prevent the fatal consequences of the halter, undertook Mr. Gordon, and for that purpose made the wound which was imputed to himself; and the same had so far its effect, that when Gordon stopt his mouth, nostrils and ears for some time by his directions, 'twas found that air enough came through the cavity to continue life: this operation did not deceive the gallows; but notwithstanding Gordon was so heavy a man, yet he was perceiv'd to be alive after all the rest were dead; and afterwards when he had hung three quarters of an hour, being carried to a house in Tyburn road, he open'd his mouth several times and groan'd, and being blooded, the same came from him very freely: 'tis thought that if he had been cut down five minutes sooner, he might have recover'd. *DA.* —— His windpipe was cut a little, and a bit of silver, made hollow like the end of a tobacco-pipe, put in. He was hurry'd away to an ale-house, there blooded, and bled near 10 ounces, put into a warm bed, but groan'd and expir'd. This was such an insult upon the laws, and so contrary to the sentence, which says, *you shall hang untill you are dead,* that it is thought it will be enquired into, and the offenders severely punished as they justly deserve. *LE. May* 1. — *This* incision *in the* wind-pipe, *to prevent the fatal effects of the* halter, *is as religious an operation, and as much to be depended upon, as* inoculating *in the* small-pox.

TUESDAY, *May* 1. — Yesterday the committee appointed to inspect into the frauds of the customs, met for the first time at the duke of Newcastle's office at Whitehall. — We hear that the trustees for settling a new colony at Georgia in America, will petition the parliament for some assistance towards carrying on that noble design. —— We hear for certain, that the sum of 500 000 l. will be raised this year by way of lottery, for the relief of the sufferers of the charitable corporation; 'tis said the tickets will be 3 l. each, the blanks all to be sunk. *C.* — 'Tis currently reported. *DJ.*

Canterbury, Ap. 28. Last tuesday night there were great rejoicings here upon the account that Sir John Hales Bar. that day completed his generous design of bringing his excellent water at St. Austin's to this city, though substantial leaden pipes, at his own expence. Several barrels of beer were given by Sir John to the populace; and the evening concluded with bonfires, &c. *C.*

Derby, Ap. 26. Yesterday a boy of about 13 years of age was found hanged in a hand-towel hanging on a roller: he was found on his knees, with the towel hard twisted upon his neck. It's said he had several times before turned himself round and twisted the towel about his neck; which frequent turning, it's supposed, caused a dizziness in his head, and falling down insensibly, was not able to help himself. *C.*

Yesterday the lord Lonsdale, who about 2 years since resigned his place of constable of the tower, was at court, and met with a very gracious reception. *SJ. WE. LE.*

—— Coleman Esq; his majesty's resident at the court of the grand duke of Tuscany, died at Pisa. *Ap.* 8. *DJ.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 2. On sunday the right hon. the lord Will. Hamilton, was married to miss Hawes, a beautiful young lady, with a fortune of 40,000 l. *C. DP. DJ.* — 50,000 l. *P.* — At St. George's church in Southwark; only child of Francis Hawes Esq; formerly a director of the South-sea company. *DA.* — *I hear, that her* fortune *intirely depends upon her father's* direction.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

AS the church at *Scarborough* has the misfortune to ſtand at a conſiderable diſtance from the courtly end of the town, and as the ladies are at too many neceſſary expences in cambricks, laces, and embroideries, to permit them to hire chairs for the leſs ſignificant purpoſes of devotion, it is humbly propoſed to ſuch of them as intend to honour that place with their company this approaching ſeaſon, whether the following ſcheme may not be worthy of their ſerious conſideration; namely, That the long room be converted on ſundays into a chapel of eaſe: That the ladies have the nomination of every preacher who ſhall officiate there: That the preachers, inſtead of the diſmal habit of gowns and caſſocs, be allow'd the liberty of appearing dreſs'd in toupée wigs and brocade waſtcoats: That DRYDEN's and CONGREVE's plays, and the *New Atalantis* be appointed the *Canonical* books of ſcripture, out of which they ſhall chooſe their texts; and that two ſeraphic ſtaves be ſung every ſunday out of PRIOR's *Tales*, or the *Curious Maid*: That (in point of doctrine) no Hell be denounc'd ſo dreadful as an empty pocket; and no Heaven propos'd equal to the eternal happineſs of half a dozen ſmiles from a fair lady: That if any of theſe beau-clergymen ſhall in any of their ſermons make uſe of the word ſoul (except it be in jeſt) or of the word angel (except it be apply'd to a pretty woman) he ſhall be ſuſpended: And laſtly, That every lady in the congregation be obliged to ſubſcribe one ſimper and one courteſie every week, and one kiſs every month, as a ſtanding ſalary for the maintenance of the miniſters; and that any larger gratuity (as is common upon ſuch occaſions in great towns) entirely depend upon the ladies bounty, and the preachers merit.

There is no foreign news of any importance.

Mr. BAVIUS,

THE old ſaw, *et non potuiſſe refelli* may juſtly be applied to my letter about ROB. STEPHENS's *Theſaurus*. They have not got off, I think, in one article; not ſo well as might be expected in ſuch tickliſh matters as theſe. I only add, *judicet lector eruditus*, the common critical phraſe. They ſay *their endeavours deſerved at leaſt a civil treatment*. I ſay, *endeavours* without abilities do not. In good truth, 'tis impoſſible to ſhew people, that they do *labi, errare, neſcire*, without being thought *uncivil*. But I can be *civil*, when I have a mind to it, by their own confeſſion: for I aſſure them, that the ſame perſon was author of both thoſe letters; the one in your 170th, the other in your 172d Journals: they were both deſigned to do good. If the editors go on, I have done ſome good; for they will take more care upon this admonition: if they drop the edition, and I am any way the cauſe, I have done a great deal.

YOURS CALLIOPIUS.

EPIGRAM, *occaſioned by the* Lay-man's ſermon, preached at Lincoln's-inn.

THY countrymen, good CHARLES, are ſtill the ſame;
They murder'd once thy body, now thy fame.
By venal SCOTS thou to the block waſt led,
Betray'd when living, and bely'd when dead.
All peace be to thy ſoul, much injur'd prince:
The fires ſold thee, their ſons their country ſince.

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